

Science Hill High School Band

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Dear Topper Band Members,

Welcome to the 2013 edition of the 'Topper Marching Band. We have an exciting show in store for our fans this fall. Our show, ***American Dreams***, is based on President John F. Kennedy's legacy over the past 50 years since his tragic death. The music will include pop tunes from 1963, Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, the Navy Hymn – Eternal Father, Strong to Save – and a collection of American Patriotic classics that will celebrate Kennedy's impact on the US. This will be a show like no other that the SH band has performed and has the potential to be an emotional masterpiece!

This letter contains most of the information you will need for band camp. Copies of our band handbook will be available for anyone on our website when posted. Please read over the following items:

- Band Camp Schedule
- Expectations for camp
- Fall Marching Band schedule: All rehearsals / performances
- School field trip release form (can be downloaded from band camp webpage)
- T-shirt order form (***pre-order shirts for family members will only be taken at band camp registration – Sunday, July 21, 2-5 pm***)

The band office will be open daily after June 17th. You can contact either of us through our e-mail addresses below and we will respond to you in a timely fashion. If you have any conflicts with camp that may jeopardize your participation please contact us ASAP.

Here's to a great fall,

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Band Camp Dates:

June 24-25 – Leadership Seminar (see band camp web page for info)

July 15-18

Rising 9th grade camp – 9–12 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

Wind Sectionals (All winds, grades 9-12) – 1-4 pm

Percussion camp – 9-5 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

Guard Camp – 9-5 pm (**must bring lunch, cannot leave campus**)

July 21 (Sunday) – Band Camp Registration, 2-5 pm, Bandroom

July 22-26 – Full Band Camp, 9 am – 9 pm daily

July 26 – Camp performance & Band Booster Meeting.

July 30 – Full Band Rehearsal, 6-9 pm

August 1 - Full Band Rehearsal, 6-9 pm

August 5 – First day of school (half day), rehearsal 1-4 pm

Band Camp Registration

July 21 (Sunday), 2-5 pm, Bandroom

Students will drop-in for registration in the bandroom. During this time students will take care of any paperwork including:

balance of camp fee (\$50/\$100)

pick up band t-shirt (free for students)

order parent t-shirts (form attached)

turn in completed release form

pay instrument rental fee (\$50)

receive band locker

order accessories (see prices below)

purchase lyre/flip folders (if needed)

Prices for accessories (estimates):

Shoes - \$32.00

Gloves - \$2.50 (will need a white and black pair – suggest buying 2 of each)

Poncho - \$6.00

Garment Bag - \$14.00 (optional, but highly recommended for travel)

Roll Bag - \$11.00 (optional)

Sport Bag - \$24.00 (optional)

July 22-26 – Full Band Camp, 9 am – 9 pm daily

Daily Schedule:

9 am – depart from bandroom in marching block to practice field – fundamentals and drill in the morning

12 pm – march back to bandroom for lunch (you must provide your own lunch, **you cannot leave campus**)

1 pm -3 pm - Music Sectionals

3:30 pm – 5 pm - Full band rehearsal

5 pm – Dinner in cafeteria, provided by SHHS Band Boosters - **you cannot leave campus**

6 pm -8:45 pm - Evening marching rehearsals at practice field

9:00 pm – arrive back at band room

Friday, July 26 – Parent Night, 6 pm. The band will have their regular rehearsal while the Band Boosters will host their first meeting of the year in the 10/12 auditorium. Immediately following the meeting everyone will adjourn to the stadium for the end of camp performance. The band will perform the in their new show shirts and pre-ordered shirts will be available for parents to pick-up at the meeting.

On the First day of school (Monday, August 5th). we will have an extended rehearsal **until 4 PM**. The first day is only a half day, but we will rehearse after school dismisses. Do not make any plans or appointments after school on this day. We will learn the pre-game drill for the season during this rehearsal.

Camp Expectations:

All students are required to attend camp the entire day. Please do not schedule appointments during band camp or on regular after school rehearsal days (Tuesdays & Thursdays) during the school year. There are no after school rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays; they are open each week for appointments.

Adequate sleep and food are vital for the student to feel healthy in the heat of the day. Breakfast is a must with lots of carbohydrates. A lunch that includes a non-carbonated drink and plenty of protein and carbohydrates gives the body fuel to burn. A balanced dinner will help the body recover for the next day.

Things you need for camp:

- hat
- sunscreen (you will get sunburned without)
- flip folder and lyre, reeds
- pencil
- **three ringed binder with ten (10) clear protective sheets that will hold your show music, coordinate sheet, and drill book**
- athletic shoes with socks (no flip flops, crocks, boots, etc.)
- personal water jug – Camelback works great!
- eat a good breakfast
- lunch (please no carbonated drinks)

Guidelines for camp:

- Be on time each morning
- No visitors during the day
- You cannot leave campus or hang out in the parking lot
- Respect others including the staff and your fellow students
- Have your instrument in good playing condition
- Follow directions **the first time**
- The SHHS student handbook will be followed for all band activities.

2013 Marching Band Dates:

August 30 – Football, Home

September 6 – Football, Home

September 7 – Dragon Boat Races, Winged Deer Park

September 13 – Football, Away

September 20 - Open

September 27 – Football, Home

September 28 – Marching Contest – Dobyns-Bennett

October 4 – Football, Away

October 5 – Marching Contest – Tenn High

October 11 - Football, Home

October 18 – Football, Home

October 19 – Marching Contest – TBA

October 25 – Football, Home

October 26 – Science Hill Marching Contest

November 1 – Football, Away

November 8 – State Playoffs, TBA

November 13-16 – PASIC Convention, Indianapolis

November 9 – State Playoffs, TBA

December 7 – JC Christmas Parade, TBA

December 16 – Winter Concert, 7 pm

December 17 – Winter Concert, 7 pm

Call time for each away football game is 5:00 pm.

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:

Mondays – assigned class (guard/woodwind, brass, percussion)

Tuesdays – assigned class, **after school rehearsal 3-5:30 pm**

Wednesdays – assigned class

Thursdays – assigned class, **after school rehearsal 3-5:30 pm**

Fridays – assigned class, **after school rehearsal for home games - students will be fed dinner at school**

2013 Band T-Shirt Order Form

Band members will wear these under our band uniforms for all home games and performances. **Students will have one supplied as part of their band camp fee.**

Band t-shirt orders for parents will be taken during Band Camp Registration: Sunday, July 21, 2-5 pm in the band room. Please complete the form below and bring (or send with student) to registration. Shirts will be available on for pick up as soon as they arrive back from the printer (TBA).

Parent name _____ Phone number _____

Student name _____

T-shirt sizes: (Adult) S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Cost: \$12.00 each S-XL, \$14.00 each XX and XXXL

#of shirts

sizes

Total amount

Checks should be made payable to SHHS Band.